

Traffic Commission Minutes
May 13, 2021

Date: Thursday May 13, 2021 held virtually <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/312061997>

In Attendance: Thomas Graney, Lt. Polito, Mark Niedergang, Lena Webb, Jill Lathan
Staff: Suzanne Rinfret, Laura Accaputo, Ally Kleyman
Other: Tim Dineen

Meeting Chair Jill Lathan, interim DPW Commissioner called the meeting to order at 5:31pm

Meeting Ground Rules:

1. Listen to the other side
2. Focus on issues, not personalities
3. Avoid questioning motives
4. Be polite

Item #1 – Acceptance of Minutes from the April 8, 2021 Traffic Commission Meeting
A motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 5-0.

Item #2 – Request for 20mph Speed Safety Zones

Lowell to Cedar, North of Highland Ave		
Street	Start	End
Murdock Street	Cedar Street	Clyde Street (both directions)
Clyde Street	Warwick Street	Cedar Street
Warwick Street	Cedar Street	Clyde Street
Alpine Street	Cedar Street	Alpine Street/Princeton Street
Alpine Street	Lowell Street	Princeton Street
Princeton Street	Lowell Street	Alpine Street
Albion Street	Lowell Street	Cedar Street
Hudson Street	Cedar Street	Lowell Street
Highland Ave	Lowell Street	Cedar Street (both directions)
Cedar Street	Murdock Street	Highland Ave (both directions)
Lowell Street	Albion Street (End of existing safety zone)	Highland Ave (both directions)

Lowell to Cedar, South of Highland Ave		
Street	Start	End
Eastman Road	Highland Ave.	Dead end (both directions)
Conwell Street	Francis Street	Highland Ave.
Francis Street	Porter Street	Conwell Street

Porter Street	Elm Street	Highland Ave (both directions)
Brastow Ave	Lowell Street	Porter Street (both directions)
Mountain Ave	Porter Street	Dead end (both directions)
Linden Ave	Summer Street	Cedar Ave
Cedar Ave	Linden Ave	Cedar Street
Linden Ave	Elm Street	Summer Street
Gussie Terr	Porter Street	Linden Ave (both directions)
Craigie Street	Craigie Terr (End of existing safety zone)	Somerville Ave (both directions)
Ibbetson Street	Somerville Ave	Lowell Street (both directions)
Lowell Street	Somerville Ave	Highland Ave
Elm Street	Somerville Ave	Cedar Street (both directions)
Cedar Street	Highland Ave	Elm Street
Summer Street	Cedar Street	Lowell Street (both directions)

- Jill Lathan waived reading the list.
- Mark Niedergang stated he fully supports the request.

A motion to Approve was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Lt. Polito. Motion passed: 5-0

Item #3 – Request to convert 3 parking spaces in front of 445-447 Somerville Ave from 2 Hour Parking Except by Permit to Loading Zone 20 Minute Commercial or 5 Minute Passenger Parking from 8AM to 10PM and Residential Permit Parking Only from 10PM to 8AM.

- Jill Lathan accepted into the record an email sent by Alex Frieden in support of this request.
- Ally Kleyman submitted images of the area for the record. She explained the request came from concerns of double parking in the area. This will convert approximately 60ft or 3 spaces to a Loading Zone to allow for quick turnover and hopefully alleviate double parking. She also amended the location to 443-447 Somerville Av.

A motion to Approve, as amended with the location change to 443-447 Somerville Av, was made by Mark Niedergang, 2nd by Thomas Graney. Motion passed: 5-0.

A motion to adjourn at 5:41pm was made by Thomas Graney, 2nd by Mark Niedergang. Motion passed: 5-0